

REMARKS

This amendment responds to the office action dated April 5, 2007.

The Examiner rejected claims 27-29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Loveland, U.S. Patent No. 6,473,819. Independent claim 27, from which claims 28 and 29 respectively depend, has been amended to recite the limitation of “increasing magnification of an image visible to said operator in response to a decrease in said level of confidence.” Not only is this limitation not disclosed by the cited prior art, but that reference actually teaches away from it, instead disclosing that a decrease in confidence should result in a decrease in magnification. *See* Loveland, FIG. 7. This, of course, is consonant with conventional wisdom that a drop in confidence implies that the target has wandered off screen. The present application, however, discloses that a decrease in confidence may be associated with a target moving away from the camera lens so that the image detail, typically from low-resolution camera lenses, may be insufficient to distinguish the target. Thus, in one embodiment, the present application teaches that the magnification of a visible image should be increased, rather than decreased, when the claimed confidence level decreases.

Thus, each of independent claims 27-29 patentably distinguishes over the cited prior art, and the applicant respectfully requests that each of these claims be allowed.

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